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Band Candy Sale Soars Over Goal

From the hills of Boston to the streets of Shaker; that is the story of the band candy sale. Beginning with an assembly on October 24 in which Joseph Szwaja vividly demonstrated the importance of good uniforms relative to the Battle of Bunker Hill, the drive continued through November 4.

The purpose of the drive was to re-establish the band fund which is used to buy new uniforms and to take care of the old ones. The established goal was $4500.

Over Goal

At the official close of the drive, $12,040 was collected for a net profit of $4,515, and additional money from absentees was expected to bring this figure several hundred dollars higher.

Each student in the school received one dozen quarter-pound chocolate bars to sell at fifty cents apiece and extras were available on request. The immedite response by the school and community was excellent as all 2400 dozen bars were distributed to students by the second day of the sale.

Several prizes were offered to the students selling the most candy. Among them was the temporary use of Martin Meshenberg's parking space—juniors included.

This represents a total sale of slightly better than 24,000 candy bars, or over three tons of chocolate and almonds.

Photo by David Sunshine

Pam Turner, as Mid, listens attentively while her brother Richard, played by Scott Fields, reads a letter from his girlfriend.

Four A.F.S. Semi-finalists Await Travel Assignments

Four Shaker juniors, Mary Jo Bishop, Charles Mel Dunn, Barbara Harslem and Jeffery Pollock, began their journeys in the American Field Service selection program by becoming local semi-finalists on October 14.

The destination of these candidates is national selection, which would enable them to spend a summer, or perhaps a year, in a foreign country. Shaker's AFS Selection Committee chose these students after considering the applications of twenty-five aspirants.

Wide Choice

Four AFS programs are available the summer or the winter in either the northern hemisphere or the southern hemisphere. The last two plans enable an exchange student to stay a full year in either a northern or southern hemisphere country. Mary Jo chose the summer and southern, Mel applied for all four, Barb selected the summer and northern; and Jeff picked the summer.

The New York office notifies southern program participants in December. Northern and summer program finalists may receive word any time from March to June. Shaker usually has at least one finalist.

Anticipation with reservations keynotes the sentiments of Mel and Jeff. Barbara stated, "You have the feeling you would like to be the one chosen but you wish everyone could be."

Shakerite Staff to Produce Full Page for *Plain Dealer*

Shaker Heights High School receives a new opportunity to display its character and accomplishments to the public when the *Shakerite* puts out an entire page spotlighting life at Shaker, in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* on December 7, 1963.

The high school will be revealed to the entire Cleveland area through the pictures and articles, all of a feature nature, depicting aspects of Shaker and school life. The metropolitan area will be informed of the varied and unusual organizations in Shaker, such as the Student Employment Bureau and the Student Aid Committee.

Independence Spotlighted

The staff proposes to create a clear picture of the unique independence and responsibility delegated to the Shaker student in study halls or in the cafeteria.

Hervey MacMillan of the Plain Dealer staff originated the plan of having one high school in the Cleveland area independently put out an entire page in the city newspaper.

This weekly feature, the only one of its kind in the nation, replaced a former page of the Plain Dealer devoted to general high school news.

Shakerite First

This is the first time the *Shakerite* staff will be working with a big-city newspaper. They will be operating in the composing room of the *Plain Dealer*, and will be creating the entire page by themselves under the supervision of Mr. MacMillan.

Chess Tourney Above Board

Few activities can boast of the complete concentration found in room 224, at the weekly meetings of the Chess Club.

The members of this intellectual organization are currently playing each Friday afternoon in the first of two semester tournaments. The winner of the first tournament, now in its fourth round, will receive $2 00 and the right to compete with the winner of the second tournament, for $3 00 and the school championship.

Second Last Year

Another purpose of the competition is to help choose a team to send to the state chess tournament, to be held in Akron this year. In last year's rivalry the chess team from Shaker captured second place.

Some of the top chessmen in the club are Richard Belzer, the club president, and John Meyers, who have perfect records, and Harley London, the vice-president, Al Miller, and Vivian Abrams, who are among those in second place.

High School Thespians Brave the 'Wilderness'

The plight of a perplexed teen-age boy unable to cope with adulthood is the theme of *Ah Wilderness*, a comedy about the internal problems of a typical American family in 1906, which will be presented as an all-school production on Friday, November 15, and Saturday, November 16, at 8:30 p.m.

The play by Eugene O'Neill deals with the Millers, a middle-class family living in a small New England town in the early 1900's. The family is made up of familiar characters. Mrs. Miller, the bustling housewife, Mr. Miller, the respectable businessman; Tommy, the energetic eleven-year-old; Mildred, the awkward adolescent; Richard, the confused high school senior; and Arthur, the collegiate football hero. There are, also, the conventional girl next door and the inevitable spinster aunt. But the events in the play are far from the norm.

Barner Directs

John C. Barner will direct the production, and N. C. Davis is the technical director. Alene Weisman and Steve Adams will play Mrs. Miller and her husband, Nat, and Scott Fields will portray their son, Richard.

Other members of the cast are Mimi Brock, Peter Drurian, Mike Dudgeon, Jim Erbe, Doug Friedlander, Sue Gillis, Jon Kent, Bill King, Jane Kleinman, Andy Lebby, Pam Turner, and Janice Whittemore.

Chuck Feuer is the assistant to the director, and Rod Jacobson is the stage manager. In charge of the various production crews are Carl Armstrong, lighting; Pete Bazeley, props; Joe Ferenczy, sound; Doug Friedlander and Sue Gillis, costumes; Bob Glick, construction; and Alene Weisman, make-up.

Demerit Panel Alters Policy

Shaker's Demerit Panel has adopted a new policy of issuing demerits and punishing repeated offenders.

This year, all demerits must be stamped "Demerit Panel Approved" before they become official. This method has improved the processing of demerits which last year required separate recording of all demerits.

Penalties

The punishment for accumulating excessive demerits has changed from last year. Previously, eight demerits were required to call a student before the panel, and penalties ranged from a warning to two weeks of detentions.

Now, five demerits warrent an appearance before the panel, which often results in a letter to the parents of the student.

If a student accumulates ten or more demerits, the panel again summons him, and if it feels he will not respond to milder punishments, his parents are summoned.

Teachers are not permitted to issue demerits directly, and if a student goes four weeks without a demerit, one is removed from his total.

Debate Team Gains Honors; Strives for Logic, Fluency

Shaker's Debate Team brought home honors from their first tournament of the season, held at Mayfield Heights High School on Saturday, October 26. At that tournament the teams took one first place, one second place, and two fourth places.

This tournament began Shaker's second season in formal debate competition, although the Debate Club has existed for many years! The Debate Team was formed last year under the leadership of Mark Knoll and the guidance of N. C. Davis.

This year, the club's new adviser, Mrs. Margaret Jones, the club's president, Allen Mintzer, and all the team members are striving to develop a facility in oral discussion, and interest in human affairs, the habit of logical thinking, and good speech techniques.

From members of the club, two-member teams are chosen to participate in four divisions of interscholastic competition. Shaker's team belongs to the Lake Erie Speech Division, the Greater Cleveland Speech League, and the Ohio High School Scholastic Speech League. It hopes to receive full membership in the National Forensic League by the end of this year.

Football Queen Candidates Pam Hopkins, Penny Weed, Sue Graham, Linda Kramer, Courtney Dobyns, and Nancy Gulasy gather for a winning smile competition as they await tomorrow night's coronation at the FTCD. This year, because of a tie, six lovelies will vie for the title instead of the customary five.

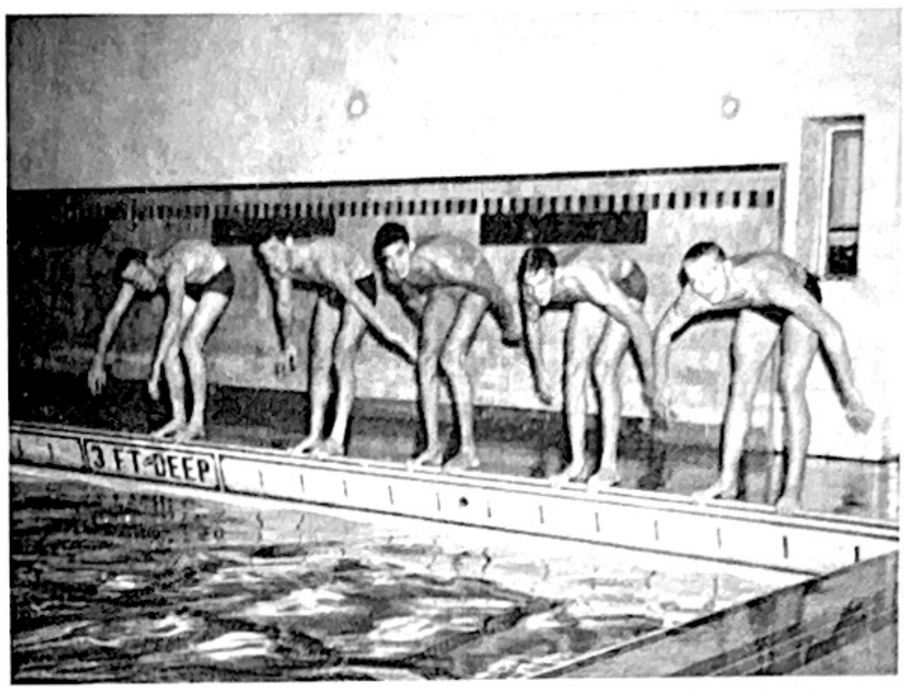
Versatile Swimming Squad Prepares for New Season

Bolstered by the return of five key men from last year's varsity and by several promising sophomores and juniors, Shaker's 1963-64 varsity swimming team should be in contention for its third consecutive L.E.L. championship.

Of the more than 50 boys who showed up to swim on October 15, 19 remained on the varsity after time trials and the preliminary cut. Of these, 6 were sophomores, 7 were juniors, and only 6 were seniors, which shows the team's great possibilities for years to come.

Despite the fact that 11 of last year's varsity swimmers were lost through graduation, Coach Paul Stark seems happy about the prospects for the coming season. He reports that his boys this year are very versatile and that many of them are capable of swimming in any of several events.

The backbone of the varsity swimming team will consist of juniors Rennie Crane, Bob Haas, Tom Marshall, and Pete Snedecor, and senior Ken LaVetter. They will be aided by sophomores Fred Arsham, Al Gross, David Crane, and Gus Channels, and juniors Bob Powers and Fred Herbold.



Forming the nucleus of the swimming team are Pete Snedecor, Ken LaVetter, Bob Haas, Tom Marshall, and Rennie Crane.

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editor,

The privilege of giving in a united way is certainly a meaningful way in which to share with those fellow Americans less fortunate than we. Shaker this year has contributed significantly to the local cause of United Appeal, and of this achievement we Shakerites should be exceedingly proud.

However, it is my belief that the actual amount of giving should be demanded not by the students collectively but according to the individual's personal sense of responsibility to himself and to other people. When organized charity becomes pressured in terms of dollars and cents, the humanitarian reason for donating to the United Appeal becomes obliterated in a pecuniary race for the most money from the most people . . .

Let us see next year if, when in a school-wide campaign we strive to obtain money for the welfare of our fellow citizens, a sense of honor rather than a sense of money can influence each Shakerite to give in a significant way.

Respectfully,
Peggy Heine

Dear Editors:

I am presently seated in an "independent study hall." The independent study system speaks very well for the student body of Shaker High. Of course, these study halls have their faults but a mature student, nevertheless, can get a great deal of work done.

The most grievous fault of these study halls is the students' lack of respect for the proctors. If this situation were improved, the entire worth of the independent study halls would be made greater.

From where I now sit I can hear four voices louder than any others: the voices of the proctors and two of their friends. They are not adding to the discipline of the study hall, for their conversation is a private matter. When I asked one of the proctors if he would please remedy the situation, he merely said, "We're allowed to."

If independent study is to continue in its present form, the students' respect for the proctors must increase. This respect can grow only if the proctors, by setting a good example, begin to earn their respect.

William Blank

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Raiders Given Brush-off; Fall to Euclid and Parma

The Shaker varsity football squad, rebounding after successive losses to Euclid and Parma, valiantly fought for an upset victory over the surging Brush Arcs, only to be edged by a score of 12-6.

With 1:40 left to play in the fourth quarter, Brush quarterback Al Feldman scrambled for 8 yards and the winning touchdown, despite the efforts of an inspired Shaker defense.

Early in the second quarter the Raiders forced Brush to punt from deep in its own territory. On the ensuing return Alan Ippolito scampered 63 yards for a touchdown and the lead. But the Arcs bounced back with a 6-pointer minutes before the half ended.

The Shaker offense bogged down in the third quarter and could not even capitalize on a fumble recovery on the Brush eight-yard line. However, the stalwart Raider defense contained the explosive Brush attack, kept the team in the game until the waning seconds.

At Euclid the Sannamen were held scoreless for the first time in L.E.L. competition as the Panthers managed to dent the goal line three times, completely handcuffing Shaker, 20-0. Eight fumbles and three interceptions prevented the sputtering offense from mounting any scoring threat.

In the battle for the L.E.L. cellar against Parma, the invading Redmen overpowered the smaller Red Raiders, 32-12. Parma racked up a big lead early in the contest and they completely dominated the first two periods, sporting a 24-0 lead at halftime.

This proved to be too much for the home team to overcome, although the Raiders managed to put together two touchdowns in the latter periods.

Gym Class Teams Battle for Crown

Boys' touch football intramurals have been expanded this fall under the supervision of the physical education class to encompass a greater number of active participants.

The captains of the leading teams are sophomores John Pearson, and Sandy Armstrong, juniors John Nagelis and Wes Porozynski, and seniors Jeff Chokel and Frank Lyle.

Hard Battle

These squads represented their gym period in a double elimination tournament conducted after school. They fought to a leading position in round-robin tournaments within their gym classes.

One of the junior teams, captained by John Nagelis was not scored upon in class competition and is a favorite to win the championship.

The members of all teams participating in the semi-finals will receive small trophies. The school champions will receive, in addition, special victory trophies.

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